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## DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TO CHANGE NUMBERS

There is a big change in the works at the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC). Effective November 24, 1997, the department will change its phone numbers to become part of Mississippi state government's central telephone system. "The change in our phone system will enable MDAC to better serve constituents and facilitate communication internally and with other state agencies," said Agriculture Commissioner Lester Spell, Jr., DVM.

It is important to note that the change will only affect the administration building on Jefferson Street in Jackson. Other agencies within MDAC, such as the Bureau of Plant Industry in Starkville, satellite offices throughout the state and the Agriculture Museum in Jackson will not be affected. The new numbers, which will be in the 1998 state telephone directory, are:

Main office	359-1100
Public Information	359-1135
Administration	359-1132
Marketing	359-1159
MS Market Bulletin	359-1155
Farm Theft	359-1121
Regulatory Services	359-1111
Weights & Measures	359-1149
Meat Inspection	359-1191
Consumer Protection	359-1148
Petroleum Division	359-1101
Keep MS Beautiful	359-1150

The department's toll free numbers and current fax numbers will not be changed.